

February 25, 2009

The Honorable Pat Apple  
Kansas State Senator  
Kansas Statehouse – Room 242-E  
Topeka, KS 66612

The Honorable Janis Lee  
Kansas State Senator  
Kansas Statehouse – Room 162-E  
Topeka, KS 66612

The Honorable Carl Homes  
Kansas State Representative  
Kansas Statehouse – Room 142-W  
Topeka, KS 66612

The Honorable Annie Kuether  
Kansas State Representative  
Docking State Office Building  
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: State Energy Program

Dear Energy and Utilities Committee Chairs and Ranking Democrats:

As a condition of receiving Kansas' share of \$3.1 billion in State Energy Program (SEP) funds contained in the recently passed American Recover and Renewal Act of 2009 (ARRA), our state must demonstrate that we are taking certain actions to begin upgrading building energy codes and develop a plan for compliance. I encourage you to take appropriate steps so that Kansas is not disadvantaged in accessing these one-time federal funds available to states. Legislation to implement these changes has been introduced this session and has been largely ignored – or tied to failed ideas to implement radical regulatory policy that would move our state further away from the nation's clean energy future. If we adopt the legislation that emerged from the House Committee, we put ourselves firmly at the back of the line for accessing recovery funds needed to create sustainable Kansas jobs.

I have also directed our state energy director to work with the appropriate state and local code officials to develop implementation plans. Relevant provisions of the ARRA are attached.

Kansas must be committed to a robust energy efficiency program. This is especially important for buildings that will be part of our housing stock for decades to come.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Sebelius  
Governor

Attachment